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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI's Meeting with PFIAB, 22 October 1971

1. The DCI met with the PFIAB for an hour on Friday, 22 October 1971. Present were the Chairman, Admiral Anderson; Governor Rockefeller; Drs. Baker, Franklin Murphy and Teller; Ambassador Robert Murphy; and Messrs. Gray, Pace and Lincoln. Also present were Messrs. Burke, Byers and Ash, Commander O'Brien and Mr. Tweedy.

2. The DCI briefed the Board on Senator Stennis' letter to the President on the CIA role in Laos, and the background to that letter and the general climate on the Hill surrounding CIA involvement in paramilitary and similar operations. There followed some discussion of the long-term effect on the Agency, the DCI pointing out that when operations of this kind get too big, things are bound to surface to the detriment of the purpose of the operation. Mr. Pace suggested that Stennis was being a friend to CIA in opposing further Agency involvement in his letter to the President, and the DCI agreed.

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This prompted discussion of the problem faced by the Free World by the proliferation of Soviet intelligence representation and the thought that this could be controlled better than it has been by judicious use of reciprocity. (Later, Mr. Pace asked the DCI to give some thought to what might be done here in the U. S. on this problem and we will prepare some statistics and background with the assistance of the CI Staff.) The Chairman also asked whether the Soviets had participated in campaigns against the Concorde in Europe and the SST in the U. S. The DCI said that we did not know but may be able to find out in due course.

4. The Chairman asked about the case announced to the press this morning concerning the arrest of Sgt. Walter T. Perkins of the Air Force on suspicion of espionage.

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5. Dr. Teller, pointing out that there seemed to be plenty of Communists on U. S. campuses, most of them of Chinese rather than Soviet persuasion, said that he assumed these were rather more overt than covert and asked whether there seemed to be any major covert effort. The DCI replied that this could be answered better by the FBI, but that it had been difficult to link Maoists with Peking.



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7. Dr. Murphy asked whether the guerrilla activity in Mexico was a concern to CIA and the DCI replied that we did not yet take it too seriously, but that Mexico certainly did.

8. The Chairman asked about the status of the White House request to Mr. Hoover to make recommendations, in concert with CIA, on foreign intelligence collection in the U. S. The DCI indicated that this had not yet been completed. The Chairman expressed some wonderment about the leaks which had enabled The New York Times to publish on the FBI/CIA split; to which the DCI pointed out that for the first time there appeared to be some disaffected FBI employees.

9. Mr. Pace asked a question about some anti-Libyan dissidents he understood had approached Ambassador Palmer in Tripoli, on which the DCI expressed ignorance and suggested reference to State Department.

10. In reply to a question by Ambassador Murphy on Chile, the DCI stated the situation was discouraging.

11. The DCI then pointed out to the Board that the India/Pakistan situation was becoming critical and war at least a good possibility.

12. As a result of a question from Mr. Lincoln, there was some discussion of the situation on the Sino-Soviet border, the progress of the Soviet build-up and Soviet capabilities against the Chinese.

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13. Finally the Chairman asked the DCI for a rundown on the current internal political situation in China, and the DCI gave our views, stressing the uncertainty still surrounding the events.

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